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1. AMBASSADOR TRUCCO GAVE US THE FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN OF POLITICAL DETAINEES. THIS WAS BASIS FOR WASHINGTON POST THAT "CHILE PRISONERS DOWN TO 4000".

A. AS OF 30 AUGUST, 653 WERE DETAINED UNDER STATE-OF-SIEGE REGULATIONS.

B. OF THESE, 308 HAD EXILE DECREES BUT NO COUNTRY HAD YET AGREED TO ACCEPT THEM.

C. AS OF 17 SEPTEMBER, 547 WERE DETAINED UNDER STATE-OF-SIEGE REGULATIONS, I.E., A REDUCTION OF 106.

D. OF THE 308 WITH EXILE DECREES, 209 STILL WAIT ACCEPTANCE BY A COUNTRY WILLING TO RECEIVE THEM.

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2. AS OF AUGUST 30 THE MILITARY TRIBUNALS HAD: PREPARED

FOR TRIAL 1398, SENTENCED 2117, FOR A TOTAL OF 3515.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS IS SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE KENNEDY SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 2 ABOUT THE REFUGEE PROGRAM. POST STORY HAS ELICITED FURTHER NEGATIVE REACTION AGAINST CHILE IN THE CONGRESS. WE EXPECT WE WILL BE ASKED ABOUT TRUCCO'S FIGURES. THEREFORE, ANY ELABORATION OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE EMBASSY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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